States in export Promotion and in consultation with trade and industry. Some of the recent steps taken in this regard include modification in DEPB rates, annoucing of DEPB rates for about 300 new export items preparing a medium term export strategy for growth of exports, launching of Focus Latin American Countries Scheme, strengthening incentive schemes and greater efficiency in policy and procedures.

Take-over of Anant Ram Diary Complex

*179. Shri GAYA SINGH:
SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA:

Will the MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to take over the controversial Anant Ram Dairy Complex, an unauthorised colony of influential politicians and bureaucrats; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and what follow-up action is being taken to complete the process of take over?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) and (b) Physical possession of the land measuring 16 bighas and 5 biswas of Village Mohammedpur, Munirka, on as is where is basis, was taken over by CPWD from Land Acquisition Collector on 9-5-1998. As per the preliminary survey conducted by the Government, there are 152 occupants including 3 religious shrines. 11 plots were still vacant and 2 to 3 flats were under construction where basements have been dug. It has been decided to hear the occupants before taking a final decision on further steps to be taken. Notices were served upon the occupants asking them to indicate if they claimed any lawful title to the plot or the construction thereon and furnish evidence in support thereof or indicate if they had any other excuse to continue to remain on the property. Replies from some of the occupants have been received which are being processed for further action.

Condition of Destitute Children

*180. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a conference on Children's Rights and Fifty years of Independence, organised by the Child labour Action Network was held in the Capital on Saturday, August 9, 1997;

(b) if so, the main observations and recommendations made therein to alleviate the conditions of destitute children, especially the child labour; and

(c) what steps have been taken/are being taken in the 50th year of Independence to improve the lot of destitute children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) A short discussion was organised by Child Labour Action Network, a Non Governmental Organisation, on 9 August, 1997 to mark the release of their report on "The State of the Child in India-An Overview on the 50th Year of Independence."

(b) The main observations and recommendations made during the discussion on destitute children and child labour related to the review of the Juvenile Justice Act 1986, and Eradication of Child Labour.

(c) In order to improve the lot of destitute children in the country the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has a Scheme for Welfare of Street Children and another Scheme for Prevention and Control of Juvenile Maladjustment which seeks to facilitate the implementation on the Juvenile Justice Act, 1986 in the country.